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STRENGTHENING OF THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE: SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES OR REGIONS

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Special emergency assistance for the economic recovery and reconstruction of Burundi

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/17 of 3 November 1993, 49/7 of 25 October 1994 and 49/21 C of 2 December 1994,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, 1/

Considering that Burundi continues to face a social, human rights and political crisis that has existed since October 1993, the adverse effects of which are endangering the national economy, as evidenced by the destruction of economic and social infrastructures, declining production and trade and, as a result, shrinking public revenue,

Concerned about the instability of the situation in a number of areas, and acknowledging the need to ensure the safety and security of humanitarian and other international personnel,

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Concerned also about the acts of violence that have the negative effect of stifling the national economy, in particular by disturbing the movement of persons, goods and services,

Recognizing that the coalition Government that emerged from the Convention on Governance 2/ is making efforts to redress the economic and social situation through its plan of action of March 1995,

Convinced that the country has the capacity to achieve appreciable economic results, particularly through its structural adjustment programme, and that an improved economic situation would contribute to the consolidation of peace,

Bearing in mind, however, that, in view of Burundi's inadequate economic and financial resources, the continued and increased assistance of the international community is still essential for the implementation of the plans and programmes of the Government,

1. Expresses its gratitude to all States, United Nations institutions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that responded favourably to the appeal made at the forty-ninth session;

2. Invites once again all States, United Nations institutions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue to provide Burundi with economic, financial, material and technical assistance for economic recovery and for the reconstruction of the various infrastructures destroyed or damaged during the crisis and to facilitate the voluntary repatriation of refugees;

3. Calls upon all parties not to hinder in any way efforts by international intergovernmental and non-governmental aid organizations to transport and to distribute humanitarian assistance to the people of Burundi and to take all necessary measures to ensure the safety and security of all humanitarian personnel operating in the country;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, to coordinate the activities being implemented by the United Nations system to meet the needs of the people of Burundi adequately and to mobilize the assistance of the international community;

5. Requests the Government of Burundi to continue its efforts geared towards the achievement of national reconciliation and the lasting maintenance of peace, inter alia, through adherence to the principles of the Convention on Governance, provisions that are essential for the successful and sustainable implementation of humanitarian aid and economic, financial, material and technical assistance to the people of Burundi;

2/ A/50/94-S/1995/190, annex.

6. Calls upon the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution;

7. Decides to consider at its fifty-first session the question of special emergency assistance for the economic recovery and reconstruction of Burundi.